



Mistaken Identity of Johanna Andersdotter (LAB)

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We use the evidence in household examinations to find clues about an ancestor. But sometimes the information changes as it was transcribed from one book to another or when a person moved to another parish. This is especially true for the younger working class. In this case there are 2 Johanna's born in 1810 in Värsås parish, Skaraborg County, Sweden and modern descendants did not know which one is their ancestor.

We figured out the right one, but discovered an intriguing evolution of evidence. From the household exams we see she is listed as:

Name: Johanna Andersdotter

Born: 10 Feb., 10 Dec., 27 Sept., or 27 Oct. in 1810

Birthplace: Wärsåhs, Walora, Värola, Warola, and Sventorp

The question is, can you see Johanna in each record? Do you see how the evidence connects from one image to another? Follow the steps below to see how well you connect the pieces of evidence. We will be using Arkiv Digital in the lab, but you can use the Swedish archival codes and page numbers to do this using another provider.

Step	Record Type	Farm	Parish, Archival Code, Page	Other notes
1	Birth Record	Baståsen	Värsås C.2 page 23	Born 10 Feb. 1810 to Anders Månsson, Maria Svensdotter
2	Household Exam 1782 - 1811	Baståsen	Värsås Al.1 page 160	
3	Household Exam 1802 - 1816	Baståsen	Värsås Al. 2 page 12	Move to Skövde Igelstorp 1811

4	Moving in Record 1768 - 1824		Skövde stadsförsamling B1. page 147	1811 from Walora (Varola) to Skatteg. Igelstorp
5	Household Exam 1807 - 1813	Igelstorp Skattegård	Sventorp (Skövde landsförsamling) Al. 3 page 123	Shows born in ibm (Walora)
6	Household Exam 1811 - 1829	Igelstorp Skattegård	Sventorp (Skövde landsförsamling) Al. 4 page 344	Shows born in ibm (Walora)
7	Moving out Record 1825 - 1832		Skövde stadsförsamling B3. Image 39	Move to Versås in 1829
8	Moving in Record 1781 - 1846		Varola B1. page 95	From Skövde to Ödegärdet 1829
9	Household Exam 1826 - 1833	Ödegärdet	Värsås Al.4 page 59	Shows born in Warola. To Klockartorp in 1830
10	Household Exam 1830 - 1831	Klockartorp	Värsås Al.4 page 47	Move to Svenaskogen 1831
11	Household Exam 1826 - 1833	Svenaskogen	Värsås Al.4 page 17	Bortflyttad (moved away)
12	Household Exam 1826 - 1833	Stenbäcken	Värsås Al.4 page 14	From Svernaskog. 1832
13	Household Exam 1833 - 1843	Stenbäcken	Värsås Al.5 page 15	Move to Kling i Svenaskogen 34
14	Household Exam 1833 - 1843	Svenaskogen	Värsås Al.5 page 23	Move to page 19 in 36 with illegitimate son Anders
15	Household Exam 1833 - 1843	Svenaskogen	Värsås Al.5 page 19	Johanna birthplace Sventorp and date 27 Oct. 1810. Vigde (married) 1840. Moves to Sventorp in 40.
16	Marriage Record 1781 - 1853		Varola El. page 89	Marriage in 1840 shows Johanna from Svänaskogen